

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FINDING AND IDENTIFYING NIGHTTIME SKY OBJECTS

ABSTRACT

Apparatus and methods for finding and identifying objects in a nighttime sky which includes templates which may represent the form of constellations and a means of holding said templates positioned to orient and identify the names of celestial bodies while looking at them. The present device is viewed simultaneously and directly in line with the stars, thus if two or three stars of the constellation are lined up, all of the stars will be lined up, including those stars too dim to be seen with the naked eye in the given light conditions. To compensate for the dome of the sky, only one area of the sky will be viewed at a time. Additionally, the present device allows the observer to see the lines connecting the stars to make up a given constellation, asterism, or other such grouping at the same time as the stars.